

Topical Heading

Rehabilitation

Program Title

Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.177

Administering Office

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

Who May Apply (by category)

Other Organizations and/or Agencies

Who May Apply (specifically) S

State vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies serving individuals who are blind may apply.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Formula Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2004	\$31,811,200
Fiscal Year 2005	\$33,227,040
Fiscal Year 2006	\$32,894,730

Fiscal Year 2006 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 56

Average New Award: \$629,515

Range of New Awards: \$225,000–\$3,286,143

Legislative Citation

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, Title VII, Chapter 2, Secs. 751–753; 29 *U.S.C.* 796j–796l.

Program Regulations

34 *CFR* 364 and 367

Program Description

Grants are made to states to support services for individuals age 55 or older whose severe visual impairment makes competitive employment difficult to obtain but for whom independent living goals are feasible.

Types of Projects

Funds are used to: provide independent living services to older individuals who are blind; conduct activities that will improve or expand services for these individuals; and conduct activities to improve public understanding of the problems facing these individuals. For example, services are provided to help persons served under this program adjust to their blindness by increasing their ability to care for their individual needs.

Education Level (by category)

Adult

Education Level (specifically)

Adults age 55 and older

Subject Index

Blindness, Independent Living, Older Adults, Rehabilitation

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